

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 115798

70

ORIGIN AF-18

INFO OCT-01 IO-13 ADP-00 SR-02 ORM-03 CIAE-00 DODE-00

PM-07 H-02 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-10 PA-03 RSC-01

PRS-01 SS-15 USIA-12 OMB-01 ACDA-19 AID-20 /141 R

DRAFTED BY AF/ C: HCOHEN

6/14/73 EXT. 21891

APPROVED BY IO: MARTIN F. HERZ

AF - DDNEWSOM (SUBS)

AF/ RA - PCWALKER

IO/ UNP - MR. ROTHENBERG

----- 092827

R 141938 Z JUN 73

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

AMEMBASSY BUJUMBURA

AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

AMEMBASSY KIGALI

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 115798

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, BY, UN

SUBJECT: BURUNDI PROBLEM

REF: A. BUJUMBURA 577; B. DAR ES SALAAM 2005; C. STATE
112489

1. REPEATING REFTELS (A) AND (C) WHICH WERE NOT ORIGINALLY
SENT USUN.

2. SEPTELS BEING SENT ADDIS AND KINSHASA, INFO USUN,
REQUESTING THAT APPROACHES BE MADE ON BURUNDI PROBLEM TO
OAU SECRETARY GENERAL EKANGAKI AND ZAIRE PRESIDENT MOBUTU.
AS USUN WILL NOTE FROM THESE AND PREVIOUS COMMUNICATIONS,
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 115798

CURRENT RESURGENCE OF ETHNIC VIOLENCE IN BURUNDI COULD LEAD TO REPETITION OF LAST YEAR' S MASSIVE REPRISALS AGAINST INNOCENT HUTUS. EVEN IF THIS DOES NOT OCCUR, IT CLEAR THAT PATTERN OF PERIODIC HUTU REFUGEE INSURGENCY AND TUTSI REPRISALS HAS BECOME RECURRENT.

3. LAST YEAR' S APPROACHES BY UNSYG FOCUSED ON HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS OF BURUNDI VIOLENCE BECAUSE NEED WAS REAL AND BECAUSE HUMANITARIAN CHANNEL WAS PERCEIVED AS FASTEST MEANS TO ESTABLISH A FOREIGN PRESENCE AND END THE KILLINGS. REQUIREMENT TO PRECLUDE FURTHER REPRISALS IN WAKE OF LAST MONTH' S ARMED INVASIONS BY HUTU REFUGEES

CLEARLY TAKES FIRST PRIORITY AT THIS TIME, AS INDICATED IN OUR MESSAGES TO ADDIS AND KINSHASA. FOR THE LONGER TERM, HOWEVER, DEPT FEELS INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SHOULD COME TO GRIPS WITH POLITICAL ASPECTS OF THE HUTU-TUTSI CONFLICT OF SURVIVAL. INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION TO PROBLEM JUSTIFIED NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF NEW DEVELOPMENTS BUT ALSO ON GROUNDS THAT IT IN COLLECTIVE INTEREST OF AFRICANS TO SOLVE PROBLEM WHICH IS SPILLING OVER BORDERS AND INVITING OUTSIDE INTERVENTION.

4. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR RESUMING DIALOGUE ON BURUNDI WITH UNDER SECRETARY MORSE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

(A) BRING MORSE UP TO DATE ON LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN BURUNDI BASED ON REFTELS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS.

(B) INFORM MORSE OF OUR APPROACHES TO EKANGAKI AND MOBUTU.

(C) EXPLAIN THAT CONTINUATION OF SITUATION A MATTER OF SERIOUS INTERNATIONAL CONCERN, BOTH BECAUSE OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE WHICH WILL CONTINUE TO BE NECESSARY AND BECAUSE OF BASIC POLITICAL PROBLEM OF ASSURING SURVIVAL OF BOTH ETHNIC GROUPS.

(D) WHILE US HAS NO SPECIFIC PROPOSALS TO MAKE, WE FEEL IT IMPORTANT TO BRING PRESSURE ON BURUNDI TO COME TO
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 STATE 115798

GRIPS WITH ETHNIC PROBLEM. OAU IS LOGICAL STARTING POINT AND WE HOPE SYG CAN USE HIS INFLUENCE THERE. RUSH

CONFIDENTIAL

NNNNMAFVVZCZ

*** Current Handling Restrictions *** n/a

*** Current Classification *** CONFIDENTIAL

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts:
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 14 JUN 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: collinp0
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973STATE115798
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: HCOHEN
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: RR
Errors: n/a
Film Number: n/a
From: SECSTATE WASHDC
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19730620/aaaajbsn.tel
Line Count: 115
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ORIGIN AF
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 73 BUJUMBURA 577, 73 DARES SALAAM 2005,
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: collinp0
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 03 OCT 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <03-Oct-2001 by kelleyw0>; APPROVED <22 FEB 2002 by collinp0>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: <DBA CORRECTED> gwr 980209
Subject: BURUNDI PROBLEM
TAGS: PFOR, PINS, BY, UN
To: ADDIS ABABA
BUJUMBURA
DAR ES SALAAM
KIGALI
KINSHASA
USUN NEW YORK
Type: TE

Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005